

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:583  
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2007  
ALLOTMENT OF COAL BLOCKS FOR POWER PLANTS  
Satpathy Shri Tathagata

**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the coal blocks allotted in each of the States in favour of the existing power plants;
- (b) whether any allocations have been requested for by State Governments for some power plants proposed to be set up in their States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the response of the Union Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN ANSWER TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 583 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.5.2007 ASKED BY SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY

(a) 57 coal blocks have been allocated for power sector of which 9 coal blocks have been allocated for existing power plants and the remaining for expansion/new power plants to public and private sector companies. The details of blocks allotted in each State for existing power plants is as under:-

| Name of State | No. of<br>the the Blocks<br>blocks | Reserves of<br>(in million tonnes) |
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|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Tamil Nadu                        | and 1 | 768    |
| Maharashtra                       |       |        |
| Chattisgarh                       | 1     | 150    |
| Punjab                            | 1     | 562    |
| West Bengal                       | 4     | 736.65 |
| Jharkhand                         | 1     | 400    |
| Central Public Sector Undertaking | 1     | 1600   |

(National Thermal  
Power Corporation)

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Government of India had invited applications for allocation of ten coal blocks for power sector under Government company dispensation route. In response, a total of 183 applications have been received from Central/State PSUs.

(d): These applications are at advanced stage of consideration.